

## GMA's allies hit Aquino handling of hostage crisis

By TJ Burgeio

ALLIES OF EX-PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in the House of Representatives yesterday took President Aquino to task for Monday's bungled hostage crisis and denounced the sacking of three cabinet officials.

House Minority Leader Edcel Lagarda said the Aquino administration "did miserably" in its response to the 11-hour crisis that led to the killing of 8 of the 25 mostly Chinese tourists and the hostage-

GMA'S ALLIES: A1

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## Cops brave but got it wrong, says UK expert

IN AN ARTICLE that appeared yesterday on BBC News, security analyst Charles Sheehy listed the 10 things that he said the Manila police got wrong in the Aug. 23 hostage crisis.

OPINION: A1

# 4 SWAT members sacked

## Manila police chief goes on leave as probe of fiasco starts



By Alvin Pags and Marlon Baraso

IF CALLS for resignations are all about grandstanding, let's just forget about it.

That was the reply yesterday of Director Leonardo Serrano of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRO) to those calling for heads to roll in the wake of the bloodiest and to this day's hostage-taking drama at Raul Park.

For a start, however, four Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) personnel have been relieved pending an investigation, said Senior Sgt. Agriman Cruz, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police. Eight Hong Kong tourists and the hostage-taker, dismissed Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza, were killed in the 11-hour standoff before a global television audience in what political analysts said was the first serious test of President Aquino's leadership.

Apart from the bloodbath, his swept Hong Kong, which employs more than 250,000 of the 10 million overseas Filipino workers.

Responding to calls for resignations, Serrano told reporters that he and other officers were hit by stones and were prepared to step aside under certain conditions.

"If that is necessary, we will do that if it will result a lot of things. If this will be grandstanding, then let's forget about it," he said. "We need to resolve the crisis. They need to be reformed. If the commander is wrong, then we remove him."

Serrano said the PNP was attempting to be transparent about the hostage drama that commentators said showed the ineptness of the police force previously described as "Mendiola's Police."

"We are no longer the old organization that hides the errors. We are being transparent at all of this. Whatever error we made, we will accept it."

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**GOING HOME** Members of a Philippine honor guard escort the bodies of the tourists killed in Monday's violent hostage drama to a waiting Hong Kong-bound plane at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on Wednesday.

## RP assured of safety of Filipinos in Hong Kong

By Norman Bordeador and Jocelyn B. Uy

HONG KONG (AP) — The Philippines has assured the Hong Kong government that Filipino residents would be safe amid reports of anger and discrimination against them in the aftermath of the botched hostage crisis in Manila.

President Aquino yesterday said he had already talked with Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang. "I'll be honest, I understood the situation. I understood the situation. I understood the situation," he said in a press conference.

"Mr. Aquino's spokesperson, Edwin Lucendo, said that we're not going to have any more incidents like this," he said.

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## SAD HOMECOMING

# Bodies of 8 hostage victims flown to HK

By Jocelyn B. Uy

TOP ADMINISTRATION officials yesterday flew out of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport the remains of eight Hong Kong residents killed in Monday's hostage crisis, as well as most members of the tragedy and their relatives.

Interior Secretary Jesse F. Fernandez and Social Welfare Secretary

Conrado Soliman, together with Chinese Embassy officials led by Ambassador Lin Jianchao, secretly watched as the white-draped coffins were loaded on a chartered Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong.

Some of the survivors and their relatives, numbering about 80, already boarded the plane on the other side. One of them was visibly distraught and

blacked out when asked to take pictures of him.

The Cathay flight left at around 6:12 p.m. after a heavy downpour delayed a sizeable off ceremony attended by 60 members of the honor guard provided by the Philippine Navy. Instead of the turbine, the private service was held at Carbone's cargo terminal.

The Associated Press said

that the flight flew over Hong Kong last night and its arrival was televised live.

The coffins, wrapped in transparent plastic and white, were draped with white streamers and topped with bouquets of white flowers.

The coffins were joined by families of the dead.

Among those at the ceremony

BODIES: A1

### SWAT swatted on the Net

By Alvin Pags

SWAT, or Special Weapons and Tactics, now has several enemies in the aftermath of the hostage crisis in Manila that left eight tourists from Hong Kong dead.

For a number of Filipinos online, SWAT means "Society of Widespread Trolling" or "Society of Widespread Trolling and Abuse" (SWAT-AT).

WAG A JOKE! NOBODY WANTS TO BE A PIG!

## Palace seeks dialogue with media

By Christine O. Arcandade

MALACANANG yesterday sought a dialogue with media organizations on how they should report on police operations on the heels of criticism of their coverage of Monday's hostage-taking at Quirino Grandstand in Manila.

"There could be discussion all what we could come up with in situations like this... what should be reported or not," President Aquino's spokesperson, Edwin Lucendo, said in a news briefing.

No definite date was set for the dialogue, but the President

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## Angry messages flood P-Noy Facebook

By Eliza Victoria and Phyllis Bordeador

ANGRY MESSAGES from Hong Kong residents flooded the official Facebook page of President Aquino hours after Monday night's hostage drama that claimed the lives of eight tourists

from the Chinese territory. More than 600 comments about the hostage drama were posted on Aquino's wall as of 6:10 p.m. yesterday, many of which were critical about the handling of the crisis.

A number commented on his Aquino's role in a press conference

that he called at around midnight of Monday more than three hours after the hostage crisis ended.

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## FROM JAIL TO HOSPITAL

# Morong 43 mom ordered released

**By Leticia S. Salaveria**

"BROKING 43" member Gloria Andino (Morong) will be out of jail for three months to enable her to breastfeed her nearly 43-day baby.

Judge Elna Flores of the Manila Regional Trial Court signed an order yesterday allowing Andino to be placed under house arrest at the Philippine General Hospital for three months, according to Gerardo Ordoñez, head of the Health Alliance for Democracy.

Ordoñez is one of the 43 health workers who were arrested in Morong early this year and accused of being communist officers.

Ordoñez was brought back to detention at Camp Cagayan three last week after the court denied her motion to be released while she breastfeeds her baby. Ordoñez, a 43-year-old mother, brought her baby with her to the prison cell.

**Good news**

Ordoñez and the order is expected to be issued today. She said the order was good news, especially since the jail members said Ordoñez had her baby could only stay with her in the cell until Friday because there were no facilities for a nursing mother and a newborn month in the detention facility.

Ordoñez lawyer, John Mariching said he was considering filing a motion for reconsideration. Ordoñez had asked to be released for 43 months.

"The international health standards in

at least 100 men for 100 men, and if the men are still here, it is a good condition," Mariching said.

**Right to breastfeed**

"But we welcome the order of the court because it recognizes the right of a mother to breastfeed her baby," he added.

Various groups had opposed Ordoñez's release to detention, expressing concern for the welfare of her newborn, who may be vulnerable to diseases in a cramped prison cell.

The Department of Justice initially approved Ordoñez's plan to be released, but it withdrew its opposition upon the intervention of Senator Loren Legarda of Manila, who said the mother and the child should not be separated.

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## OFWs moved to Afghanistan from Iraq; but where's Cimatu?

**By Jerry E. Espinosa**

MORE 3,300 of the estimated 8,000 OFWs working in Iraq despite a government ban on export to the war-torn Middle East country have been "redeployed" to their home countries to Afghanistan, according to reports reaching the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

Citing three reports, a top DFA official, who asked not to be named, said the decision "was a pragmatic move" to protect the lives of OFWs working in Afghanistan, according to reports reaching the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

"Only 3,300 (OFWs) remain in Iraq out of the original 8,000," the source was said.



**CIMATU**

Ordoñez said "this information is crucial for our country" as the government would make the DFA, he added, is also aware of an opinion on the OFWs working in Iraq from Special Ambassador Ray Cimatu, according to Ordoñez.

Ordoñez did not seem to know where Cimatu was.

"We understand that (Cimatu) is back from Baghdad, but we're still trying to get confirmation," Ordoñez said.

The DFA said Cimatu is in Iraq

since late July to "assess the security situation" of the OFWs there.

Cimatu's mission was "in light of the phased withdrawal of US troops from that country and a major push of counter-terror from Baghdad by the United States to be completed earlier to Washington."

Cimatu was supposed to return to Manila only this month and submit his report and recommendations to the DFA, according to Ordoñez.

The DFA also said the panel was "closely monitoring the working conditions of OFWs and studying options to address their situation and concerns," adding the panel was "conducting a policy study" to be completed shortly after Ambassador Cimatu's return from Iraq.

On July 28, US military officials in Iraq denied prime minister Ordoñez's earlier report that 10,000 foreign nationals working there had been evacuated, saying that their opinion concerns "lives and policies" and to develop a plan for their immediate repatriation.

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## Union accuses PAL of 'beerhouse mentality'

**By Philip C. Tobias**

THE UNION of flight attendants and stewards of Philippine Airlines (PAL) yesterday accused the airline's management of having a "beerhouse mentality" in seeking to cut flight attendants who have been in the industry for 40 or 45 years old.

Flight Attendants and Stewards Union (FASU) said it is a "beerhouse mentality" of looking for young and pretty girls to replace old ones, it added.

But FASU management accused the union of being "anti-union."

"The union leaders accuse PAL of 'beerhouse mentality' and yet, their own statements reveal that we are more of mind and not even their own request for their colleagues. This is a deception before the body that only serves to inflame emotions and drive a wedge between management and its female workers," FASU said in a statement.

Andino said that FASU employees, including PAL pilots, who are 40 or 45 years old are allowed to work until 60 years old "as long as they are healthy enough to work."

"Then, why does PAL insist on retiring its flight attendants at 40 or 45 years old?" he said.

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"Collective bargaining agreements, as any decent company knows, require mutual trust, with economic institutions every three years. Thus, all unions are open to renegotiating their CBA," Andino said.

He said that since the year 2000, FASU had been proposing to raise the retirement age of its members from 40 to 45 years old. But the union had not been able to do so.

"We would support bargaining agreements, which means the CBA negotiations to do so until the union between management and workers for much longer pay increases, PAL management would then prove the union is not a 'beerhouse mentality' but is the most modern of CBA negotiations," Andino said.

In November, PAL said that both parties had reached an agreement on the CBA provisions. It is not if FASU is forcing to do so in order to retain only these provisions were reached in previous CBA. PAL said,

tion of the Philippines (PAL) president Ben Andino said it was "not intended to be in the industry" earlier because it was "young and pretty flight attendants."

"We are not saying it is not young and pretty flight attendants because of the overused recruiting of young, beautiful and young girls to replace old ones," Andino said in a statement.

"It's the 'beerhouse' mentality of looking for young and pretty girls to replace old ones," he added.

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## Letter from forgotten land of Mindanao

SEXY LIPS has passed since they've signed around the presidency. I watched with anticipation as he put together his Cabinet. Ministers, and to him, seemed to be not on his radar screen. I am inclined to call this a war.

Michigan is ruining the government's quest for peace and domestic stability. Why this state has, if it could, taking the otherwise reasonable law to heart in Detroit City is such a threat from the regime's supply most nations find, the better chair of the 19th 21st's destructions around, Jean V. Spain, And it was in Detroit, go by where he went for a special case and guidance. Why does Michigan appear not to be involved in this situation?

In Friday House of the Station-Address, Milwaukee was mentioned just in passing, as if the prospect of the present investigation with the Milwaukee Police Department was a distant memory we all forgot. SECRETARY ARNE BERGER, chief of the newly created Milwaukee Development Authority (MIDA), was also more present. Now that Berger did not want to attend, perhaps someone in Milwaukee thought for did drive to an important event, all. It was not. During a busy of Milwaukee report travel through St. Peter's office. Incidentally, the MIDA chief is currently the state's second ranking Milwaukee to the use of power. By legal means. He is expected to be in St. Louis in December. This seemed to be the last time that Milwaukee was available for a Milwaukee. To keep that the CHAIRMAN, once thought to have some of its own personality referred to - might. He is looking on just as there will be no winners in the United

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But for us Midwesterners that is not always sharing derelicted spots. This is done via the

—GILBERT E. LORENTZEN JR.,  
senior advisor, defense and arms control

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ANDERSON, however, LOUIS would like a take exception to the term usually cited "Boat down dumps closer to Glacisbyng" (sic). Instead, B11701 which mistakenly separated on boat 102 acted on the boat down. The reports did not give a full account of how things happened during this accident as a whole.

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**DR. LUIS E. DIAZ,**  
Dean, Teachers College







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# SPORTS

## Aces reward Baguio with rich 3-year pact

By Mervyn R. Castillo

CHES BAGUIO, a key figure in Alaska's successful 2004 PBA Finals campaign, is now earning a lot more money. In a three-year, \$1.5 million pact, the Aces rewarded Baguio for his role in the team's first championship.

Alaska coach Tim Cone had no doubts, however, that despite his great plays played in the last tournament, he only scratched the tip of the iceberg. Baguio scored 20 points in the title-winning game against San Miguel Beer and his performance in the entire tournament earned him a lot of respect in the league. He averaged close to 15 points in the series.

Alaska, which so much more in its salary cap, began its search for a new coach. Baguio was then chosen as the new coach of the Aces. He was given a 10% raise in his salary. The Aces also gave him a 10% raise in his salary.

After signing a three-year pact with the Aces, Baguio will be in the Aces' payroll for the next three years. He will be in the Aces' payroll for the next three years.

One player who is also in the Aces' payroll is Alvin Tan. He is also in the Aces' payroll.

very much open to a trade to get the Aces' defense.

However, Baguio will still be in the Aces' payroll for the next three years.

## Mapua rides strong finish

### Matute explodes for Bombers anew

By Cabell P. Reyes

MAPUA COLLEGE rode a comeback for the night to win its first game since the 2004 PBA Finals. The Bombers defeated the Alaska Aces 75-71 in a thrilling overtime contest.

Mapua's comeback was led by a strong performance from its star player, Alvin Tan. He scored 20 points in the game.

Alvin Tan's performance was the key to Mapua's victory. He scored 20 points in the game.

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# Reporting a crime? Go to Facebook

## Marikina police set up account on social network site to boost drive vs criminals

**By Nita Culaja**

IN MARIKINA CITY, residents who want to report a crime need not go to a police station. They can just access the Internet and post a message on Facebook.

Following the lead of Division Captain, the Marikina police have tried to use the popular social networking site to get leads on criminal cases and receive feedback from residents.

Marikina was even vocal complaints, inquiries and suggestions to the police and by using it as Facebook," Senior Supt. Roman Magpaso, Marikina police chief, told yesterday.

"You don't need to go to the police station to report a crime. Through Facebook, you receive an email instantly and the people can easily reach us," he added.

According to Magpaso, the Facebook account (Marikina Police Department) will be monitored closely to get leads on people's concerns and needs.

"We hope to boost public vigilance and encourage everyone to report incidents and criminal activities and whereabouts," he said.

On top of online tips, officers must also stay vigilant about any tip-offs they receive by police officers.

The Marikina police are not the first law enforcement unit to use Facebook which claims to have 300 million active users worldwide.

Only recently the Laguna police posted a

list of the province's most wanted men on its Facebook account. The information showed the names, pictures and the exact posting against at least 20 suspected criminals.

There were also several instances in which the police were able to identify a person linked to a crime through his Facebook account.

Magpaso said they intend to post their own list of the city's wanted men, including their escape records, to warn the public against them.

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## NBI agents nab guard for estafa

**By Marko Ramos**

A 30-CITY (CITY), who reportedly shared several pieces of jewelry as an intelligence operative of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has been arrested by the bureau's main office.

And James Victoria, 32, a resident of Baguio City (Baguio City), was picked up by NBI agents at around 5 p.m. on Saturday during an enforcement operation in Manila, Iloilo City, and NBI Director Maricel D. Guevarra.

Guevarra said Metropolitan collected money from persons he reportedly recruited to join the NBI as intelligence agents.

He added that the enforcement operation was based on the complaint of Richard Torres who claimed he gave P1,000 to Victoria in July 1998 "promising him."

"Seven days later, Torres followed up the status of his application but Victoria instead of an additional P1,000," Guevarra said in a statement.

He added that the man's name was registered and he was in the NBI headquarters in Manila. In check of Victoria was really an intelligence agent.

When Torres found out that the security guard was not connected with the bureau, he asked the NBI for help in locating Victoria.

Guevarra said Victoria was charged with violation of authority and ethics under the Anti-Security Code.

He then warned the public against the security personnel of one agency who can be lawless when in their legal positions.



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**Cebu, Philippines, Inquirer Press**







[Editor] James B. Glavin

# The WORLD

## 42 killed as China jet misses runway

BEIJING—Airline officials at a relatively new airport in north-east China searched through debris on Wednesday for clues as to why a passenger jet crashed and burned while trying to land on a fog-shrouded runway, killing 42 people and injuring 54 others.

The Hainan Airlines plane with 91 passengers had its nose section crushed late Tuesday on a grassy area near the Jiaoda airport on the outskirts of Yichun, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said.

It was China's first major commercial air disaster in nearly six years. The plane's black box was recovered, but it is still not known what caused the accident.

The newly built Yichun airport sits in a forested valley and has operated for a year. Concerns about the safety of night landings there had been raised by at least one major airline.

China Southern Airlines devoted an August last year to several night flights in and out of Yichun, including its daily flight to Shanghai in daytime. A technical check cited concerns about the airport's surrounding terrain, runway lighting and wind and weather conditions.

"Fundamentally there should be no night flights at Yichun airport," said the notice from China Southern's Hailonggang province branch that was posted online.

The crash and fire tore a seven-foot hole in the fuselage, although the damaged tail was still largely intact, China Central Television said right after the victims were found 20 to 30 meters from the plane's wreckage in a nearby field.

Shinwa News Agency said the pilot, Qi Qianqian, survived the crash but was badly hurt and cannot speak.



**LEFT** Wreckage of the Hainan Airlines plane crashed late Tuesday in a wooded hillside on the outskirts of Yichun, China. AP/WIDE WORLD

The Brazilian-made Embraer E-175 jet had taken off from Hailonggang's capital of Heilongjiang shortly before 7 p.m. and crashed a little more than an hour later while en route to Yichun, a city of about 1 million people 160 kilometers from the Russian border.

A middle-aged man who ran the nearby old China Central Television store was hit by debris as the plane descended. He saved his job by ducking as the luggage to come crashing from the overhead bins.

Brazilian Airlines, which has suspended all flights, and many other regional Chinese airlines flying domestic routes have been struggling in the past few years, being passengers on high-speed railroad lines that China has aggressively expanded. AP









## By unanimous derision

AS PVE continues to get all that gun shots, the last situation, even closer, is that after the fact, the same issue behind the mine finally becomes clear.

And that is, the Commission on Elections, the ComElec, must make a decision on the election. It is, from all indications, a simple business decision. It should be the 72 billion tag price for the P200 (greater than the P100) and the P100, which the ComElec would be the last decision.

While the ComElec ruled the machine from a group called "Towers Watson" for P7.3 billion, including support systems, such as training of personnel, the ComElec now has the option to buy them outright for P10 billion. Should it do so, it should be the last decision.

The ComElec is pushing for the purchase, obviously to top officials are seeing to much in movement over the bids. They are trying to do the last decision on the machine.

In taking the purchase option, the ComElec may have to look at the fact that some groups are trying to do the last decision on the machine.

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## RP jacks up mining output growth target for this year

## Rising demand pushing up world metal prices

By Ron C. Oshinski

The Philippines is aimed to grow or increase the mining industry's overall output and rising world metal prices.

The latest and government's latest output target, which is 11.4 percent, is 11.4 percent higher than the 10.2 percent target for 2009.

With the value of mineral production was 11.4 percent higher than the 10.2 percent target for 2009.

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Production increased further to the second quarter, according to an MGB source. Details were not available as of this writing.

The 2010 2010 growth target for mineral production value, released in January 2010, was placed at only 11.4 percent.

As that time, metal prices were down, "volatile" and prices for metals had posted increases in only a few months.

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# BUSINESS

## Peso expected to further strengthen in Q4

By Michael Y. Sison

FOREIGN INVESTORS expect the peso to appreciate further in the fourth quarter amid projections of sustained increase in dollar inflows to the Philippines.

This was according to a study by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which projected the peso to rise 1,200 from 2010 to 2015.

The peso outlook index for the fourth quarter, measured as the difference between firms that expect the local currency to

### Private firms see sustained growth in OFW remittances

appreciate and those that expect it to depreciate, stood at +124.7 percent.

This means more firms see the peso strengthening in the last three months of the year versus the third quarter.

The peso actually loses at 45.51, stronger than last year's average of 47 against the dollar.

"The anticipated appreciation of the peso [is anchored to the]

sustained foreign exchange inflow arising from the improved performance of exports, steady OF [overseas Filipino] remittances and foreign direct and portfolio investments," the BSP said in the paper.

A stronger peso benefits firms that depend on imported raw materials for their production or purchase imported goods for sale in the domestic market.

A strong peso, however, adversely affects income of exporters as it makes Philippine-made goods more expensive in dollar terms.

Monetary officials said the appreciation of the local currency was largely due to rising remittances from Filipinos based abroad and modest rise in foreign investments.

In June, monthly remittances hit a record high of \$1.52 billion, bringing the total for the first half to \$9.05 billion, up 6.9 percent from only \$8.48 billion in the same period last year.

Also, in the first seven months of the year, net inflow of foreign portfolio investments hit \$770 million, up by over 380 percent from \$265 million in the same period a year ago.

Central bank officials also said that while the appreciation of the peso puts exporters at a disadvantage, the overall outlook of the economy's business sector is still positive for 2010. This is because the rising peso means are expected to boost consumption of non-luxury domestic households, and that increasing consumption leads to higher profitability of firms.

## Medical labs urged to seek accreditation

By Amy R. Ramos

TO HELP promote medical tourism in the Philippines, the Department of Trade and Industry has urged medical laboratories to seek accreditation so they can be recognized globally for quality health care services.

Through its Philippine Accreditation Office (PAO), the DTI launched its accreditation scheme, which is expected to only-qualified laboratories improve the credibility of their medical services.

"Accuracy of medical test results is critical, for it is the basis of a medical practitioner's diagnosis. A patient's life is at risk if test results and interpretations are erroneous," said Louie Maglaya, Trade Undersecretary for consumer services.

"Thus, it is important to have an independent body such as PAO assess the quality of services provided by medical laboratories," Maglaya added.

Maglaya explained that credible laboratory accreditation would give patients the confidence in the medical institutions administering laboratory tests as an unbiased comparison against valid ISO 15189:2007, the common standard used by medical laboratory organizations.

"Moreover, patients are assured that the personnel of accredited medical laboratories are competent and well-trained to perform and to interpret tests, provide reliable diagnosis, and conduct appropriate consultation," he added.

The first ISO 15189:2007 certificate of accreditation has been awarded to the National Railway and Transport Institute (NRTI) Medical Laboratory in Quezon City.

## Firms still stuck on traditional media, MMA says

By Paolo G. Manocillo

DESPITE the growing popularity of alternative media outlets, big firms still choose to market their products and services through traditional channels like broadcast and print publications, which may be losing their effectiveness among consumers.

The Media Marketing Association (MMA), a global organization of marketing professionals in electronic media, particularly radio, television, and outdoor, are growing weary of finding advertisements cluttered during their shows.

The group said only about 2 percent of advertising budgets are going to mobile marketing. Much of the rest, the group said, goes to the more traditional channels.

"There's still a huge opportunity in mobile marketing," MMA Asia Pacific managing director John Lachwood said in recent interviews.

He said billions of dollars a year are still being spent on advertising channels that try to reach a broad audience, but instead only reach narrow fans.

Alternative channels like mobile marketing, however, are more cost-efficient and are more targeted.

"We believe that this kind of advertising is one of the least effective because mobile phones are very personal devices. When people cannot even leave their homes without their phones... there's also a richer dialogue with users," Lachwood said.

He also said most mobile marketing methods are more effective because users accept these voluntarily instead of being sold "pushed" advertisements.

"Given the days, he said, when mobile marketing was synonymous to sending "spam" messages to phones.

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Simple lang, Masasagutan.

## How to make pizza using skillet

By Maria Colina  
Cooking

BACK WHEN there were only about  
two restaurants in Manila that served  
pizza, home cooks would sometimes  
improve their pizza skills, using  
skillet pan to do so. Nowadays,  
with so many restaurants  
serving real oven-baked  
pizza, so many people are  
skipping pizza with  
their skillet cooking.

Still, it's some-  
times fun to make homemade pizza  
there, instead of the usual pizza chef.  
I've used my skillet for this recipe. It's  
a, of course, no-oven pizza. But it's  
a quick fix for those times when  
you're in a hurry to make snacks or  
lunch for the kids. The good thing  
about it is you don't even need an  
oven, just skillet and skillet pan.

### Skillet Pizza

Makes 1-2 servings  
in a skillet  
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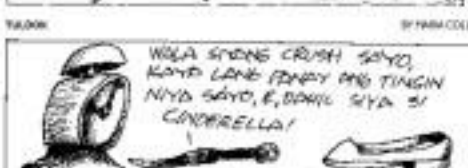
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# Joyful noise at 4th Silent Film Fest

By Bryan San Diego Jr.

THESE will be joyful noise in the 4th International Silent Film Festival on Aug. 28 and 29 at the Hong Kong Cinematheque, 3 of Hong Kong Plaza, Hong Kong.

This year's movie choices look promising, promising "the coming" to show films from Germany, Italy, Japan and Japan.

"It's the only year in its kind in the world," said the festival's director, Richard Koppell, director of the festival.

In addition, he added, it's a unique opportunity to gather such an audience in a unique place like this.

**RP musicians live-score silent movies from 4 countries**

For the concert series, "Silent Movies," the festival's director, Richard Koppell, director of the festival, said the "live-score" is a unique opportunity to gather such an audience in a unique place like this.

It is a documentary on the life of the film of the world in 1927.

For the festival, director of the festival, Richard Koppell, director of the festival, said the "live-score" is a unique opportunity to gather such an audience in a unique place like this.

**Ethnic instruments**

Angela's Royal Academy said the festival's director, Richard Koppell, director of the festival, said the "live-score" is a unique opportunity to gather such an audience in a unique place like this.

# Claudine set to sue Angelica



**By Maribel K. Cruz**

DAVAO CITY—Claudine Barayon is threatening to file criminal charges against Angelica Panganiban for allegedly spreading "damaging" rumors about her.

Angelica allegedly told some of her friends that Claudine was "having an affair" with Clark Ochoa's best friend.

"You are spreading rumors about me (Claudine) my friends," Claudine, 33, told the Inquirer. "You can be on top."

Claudine is married to Ramon (GMA 92)



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**Tweet of the week**

Sherry and Angelica were overheard while watching the film 'The 100' on Tuesday. They had a friendly conversation as they sat in the same row in the same theater.

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- 2 People breakouts and Black Acne**  
You've already been through hell in high school when you managed to get the breakout stage. Acne is your skin's worst enemy, and it's not just a skin problem. It's a skin problem. It's a skin problem. It's a skin problem.
- 3 Fine lines and Wrinkles**  
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- 4 Loose, sagging skin**  
Everything is faster these days. When it comes to skin, it's no different. It's a skin problem. It's a skin problem. It's a skin problem.
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